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Tempe encourages kids to ride the bus and read this summer

Tempe, Ariz. – This summer, the first 1,500 kids ages six to 18 who register for the Tempe Public Library's Summer Reading Program can get a free, Valley-wide bus pass good for June, July and August. In order to receive a free bus pass, participants must show proof of Tempe residency or attend school in Tempe. The city of Tempe Transit Office, Tempe in Motion, is teaming up with Tempe Public Library to promote summer reading and riding the bus.

Starting May 23, bus passes will be distributed at the Tempe Public Library located at 3500 S. Rural Rd. To receive a bus pass, participants must have a parent present to register or show a valid school identification card. The reading program begins May 23 and participants can use their bus passes to visit the library and participate in activities.

"The library's summer reading club is a great opportunity for Tempe Transit to introduce children to the opportunities and adventures of riding the bus," said Amanda Nelson, Tempe Community Outreach/Marketing Supervisor. "We are happy to provide kids with a free and easy way to get to the library and other fun destinations this summer," she added.

For questions about bus routes and schedules, call Valley Metro at (602) 253-5000 or visit www.valleymetro.org. For questions about the summer reading program, call the Tempe Public Library at 350-5522 or visit www.tempe.gov/library.

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